

HOUSE BILL 1349

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4 and Title 49, relative to training programs.

WHEREAS, short, targeted parent management training programs can improve the long-term success of children whose families are experiencing divorce; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children whose parents complete parent management training programs show lower rates of arrest and higher standards of living; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of education shall develop a parent management training program that can be offered to recently divorced parents in an after-school setting.

(b) The curriculum must cover the following:

(1) Appropriate, noncoercive discipline;

(2) Monitoring of children, including defining and recording observations of children's behavior;

(3) Problem solving;

(4) Positive reinforcement methods;

(5) Skills for managing interparental conflict; and

(6) Skills for addressing a child's divorce-related concerns.

(c) The department shall also develop a process for assisting an LEA in implementing a parent management training program developed by the department,

including methods for funding the program through community partnerships and donations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.